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A SPLENDID MESSAGE. — The Wilsonian policy of fair dealing and square dealing with the Latin-American republics is bearing fruit. Many of those countries, while maintaining their neutrality, express entire sympathy with the attitude of the United States. The greatest of them all—Brazil—has broken relations with Germany and will, in all likelihood, very speedily declare a state of war with the Teutons.

But to our notion, the finest tribute to the United States has been paid by the little Central American republic of Costa Rica. This small state, with a population just about that of the city of Cincinnati and with limited resources, has sent a message to the American government which is one of the most splendid things that has come out of the war.

It is exactly like the message of sympathy and understanding and cheer that the little brother gives to the big brother who is to do the fighting:

"The Costa Rican government considers that it is the duty of all American republics to support, at least morally, the noble attitude assumed by the United States in defense of the highest ideals of law, of right and justice and of democracy."

"The republic of Costa Rica regrets that because of its lack of material strength it cannot in this crisis tender to the United States a more substantial co-operation; but if it might be permitted to demonstrate its solidarity with the government and the people of its great sister republic of the north in such manner, for instance, as by permitting the use of its waters and ports for war needs by the American navy, that form of co-operation would be undertaken with the greatest satisfaction."

SHORT ONES

The right will can defeat the wrong way.

Berlin says the "Wotan line" is impregnable. Better remove each "n."

When Gen. Haig tries to advance three miles and only advances two, that seems to be Berlin's idea of a "British defeat."

Capture of over 300 cannon before they could be made useless indicates that, while the Germans may be "retiring under orders," they're hurry-up orders.

STUFF TO LOSE SLEEP OVER.



GEE! WHAT IF THAT
CABLE WOULD BUST